Indo-German Joint Commission

*718. SHRI SURESH KALMADI:
SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the subjects on which discussions took place at the Indo-German Joint Commission held recently;

(b) whether Government have discussed lifting of the sanctions imposed by German Government during 1998; and

(c) if so, the details of the response received from Germany?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI YASHWANT SINHA): (a) The Indo-German Joint Commission on Industrial and Economic Cooperation that met in Berlin on 10-11th April, 2000 discussed the entire gamut of issues relating to enhancing the bilateral economic and commercial co-operation between the two countries. These included bilateral trade and investments, civil aviation, collaboration in infrastructure projects and knowledge based industries. The functioning of Working Groups on Tourism, Coal and Infrastructure was also reviewed;

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Appointment of Whole-Time Company Secretary under the Companies Act, 1956

*719. SHRI KHAN GHUFRAN ZAHIDI: Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of companies registered with Registrar of Companies all over the country having paid-up capital of Rs. 50 lakhs and above;

(b) the companies which have appointed whole-time Company Secretary as per the Section 383A of the Companies Act, 1956;

(c) what action is being taken by Government against defaulting companies for non-compliance of Section 383A of the Companies Act, 1956;

(d) whether a new provision under the Act is being incorporated for compulsorily obtaining a certificate from a Secretary for such companies;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI RAM JETHMALANI): (a) The number of companies with paid-up capital of Rs. 50 lacs and above is estimated to be 30902.

(b) and (c) Information regarding appointment of Company Secretary in the companies is not maintained. However, the number of prosecutions filed for non-compliance of Section 383A of the Companies Act, 1956, for the last four years is indicated below:—

Year	Number of Companies Prosecuted
1996-97	13
1997-98	10
1998-99	18
1999-2000	62

(d) to (f) The Companies Bill, 1997 introduced in the Rajya Sabha on 14th August, 1997 and the Companies (Second Amendment) Bill, 1999 introduced in the Lok Sabha on 23rd December, 1999 provide that every company not required to employ a whole time secretary and having a paid-up share capital of ten lakh rupees or more shall file with the Registrar of Companies a certificate from a secretary in whole time practice as to whether the company has complied with all provisions of the Act or not.

Conservation of Historical Monuments of Naga Dynasty

*720. DR. C. NARAYANA REDDY:

SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO:

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that historical monuments of Naga dynasty are in a state of ruin for want of conservation in the tribal Bastar area; and

(b) if so, what efforts are being made to conserve these monuments?

THE MINISTER OF CULTURE (SHRI ANANTH KUMAR): (a) No, Sir. The monuments in Bastar area protected by the Archaeological Survey of India, are in a good state of preservation.

(b) Conservation measures are taken up by Archaeological Survey of India depending upon the requirement of each monument and the availability of funds.